

# Maine



# Rivers

## MAINE RIVERS

*Maine Rivers is the only statewide organization devoted to the protection of all the state's rivers. Since 1998 we have stood up for rivers endangered by poor management decisions, lack of attention, water diversion and sprawl.*

### RESTORING ALEWIFE PASSAGE ON THE ST. CROIX RIVER

Maine Rivers **advocated for more than a decade** to restore alewife passage on the St. Croix River. Our efforts included the creation and coordination of a scientific advisory committee to oversee research and obtain funding for a study of genetics and bass-alewife interactions, resulting in the 2006 Maine Rivers Study. When previous legislative attempts failed to reopen the river Maine Rivers remained engaged, working with partners to petition the International Joint Commission for alewife passage. Our outreach work focused on connecting advocates, legislators, tribal members, lobstermen, scientists and the media. We were active in the legislative process that resulted in the passage of LD 72, "An Act to Restore Open the St. Croix River to River Herring."

### CONNECTING RIVERS TO THE OCEAN, CONNECTING RIVER ACTIVISTS

Acting as a **catalyst for change**, Maine Rivers functions as a network to share information to unify individuals and organizations throughout the state. Our volunteer Board of Directors functions as a **network to connect individuals and organizations** working on river protection and restoration efforts throughout Maine and includes individuals affiliated with the Atlantic Salmon Federation, Friends of the Presumpscot River, the Penobscot Indian Nation, Casco Bay Estuary Partnership, Trout Unlimited, the Houlton Band of Maliseet Indians and the Natural Resources Council of Maine.

*Our mission is to protect, restore and enhance the ecological health of Maine's river systems.*

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